

U.S. Embassy Nouakchott, Mauritania
Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens – Demonstrations
May 12, 2013

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott informs U.S. citizens of current protest activity in the area of the Saudi Mosque and the Presidency by port workers, on-strike over wage and benefit issues. Previous demonstrations have involved violent clashes with police in which several people were injured. Local reports indicate the police are currently disbursing the protesters with tear gas.

The U.S. Embassy remains open, however, personnel have been prohibited from the areas around the Presidency and the Saudi Mosque.

U.S. citizens should remember that even demonstrations and gatherings intended to be peaceful can, without advanced warning, become violent. The U.S. Embassy urges U.S. citizens to avoid crowds, political gatherings, and street demonstrations, and to exercise caution in within the vicinity of any demonstration.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Nouakchott](#) website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Warning](#), including the [Travel Warning for Mauritania](#), Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#), to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Mauritania, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include

your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Nouakchott is located between the Presidency building and the Spanish Embassy on Rue Abdallaye and is open Sunday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The phone number is 45 25 26 60. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is 36 62 81 63. In the event of an emergency that interrupts mobile phone (SMS) or Internet communication in Mauritania, U.S. citizens may call the Embassy's dedicated Consular emergency recording at 45 25 37 01 to receive the most up-to-date instructions.